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1. a naval vessel was observed at a position 080 degrees and 24 nautical miles off Cape Tsyp Navolok (N 69-42, E 33-08). The ship was sailing northward, and then it turned at the position named and disappeared on a westward course. The ship had a slanting bow, a low logback (sic), one gun in a shield on the forward deck, a smaller gun or equipment at the forward edge of the bridge structure, a tripod mast with two yards, and a small projection at the after edge of the bridge. Aft of the bridge there was a stepdown to a lower deck on which there was one stack. There was a gun with a shield on a casing which was the same level as the foredeck. Aft of the casing there was another stepdown to the afterdeck. There was a drum or tube on the fowward part of the afterdeck. Aft of the drum there was an elliptical or round ring. There were also two cranes, one on each side of the hatch. The ship had a square stern (see sketch No. 1). 25X1 25X1

2. a twin-engined, high-wing flying boat, similar to a Catalina, came on a course of 165 degrees toward Teriberka (N 69-11, E 35-08). The aircraft was later seen crossing over the Teriberka area. 25X1 25X1

3. three submarines were observed at a position 16 nautical miles and bearing of 196 degrees from Nikodimskiy Point (N 66-06, E 39-10). They were in a fore-and-aft line, on a course of about 55 degrees and were moving at an estimated 15 to 20 knots (see sketch No. 2). 25X1

4. three naval vessels two nautical miles from and at a bearing of 163 degrees from Chur Navolok on Zhizhginskiy Island (N 65-12, E 36-50). The ships were moving in a fore-and-aft line on a northerly course. They resembled vessel described above. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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Sketch No. 1:
Soviet Vessel

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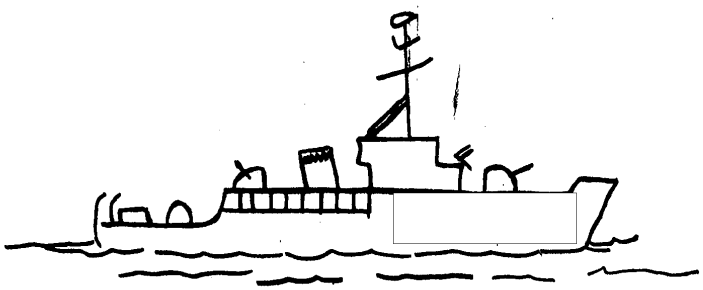

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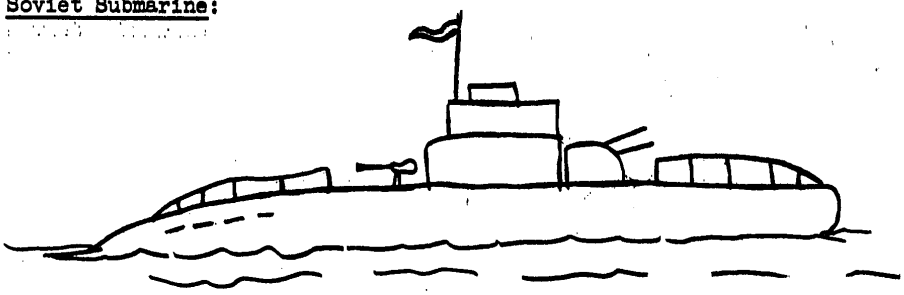
Soviet Submarine:



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